

### When using hazardous substances, remember:

- Always read and follow instructions.
- Store unused products in their original containers away from children, pets, food, and sources of ignition.
- Recycle whatever you can
- Don't mix different products—explosive or poisonous chemical reactions may occur.
- Don't throw toxic items in the trash.
- Don't pour toxic material down the drain, sewer, or on the ground.

### Toxic materials emergency phone numbers

Emergency	911
Poison Control Center	800-342-9293
Information on steps to take in the event of an accidental poisoning	
Waste Alert	800-698-6942
To report improper toxic substance disposal	
County Agricultural Commissioner	858-694-2778
For information on home pesticide use	
Air Pollution Control	858-650-4550

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# HAZARDOUS WASTE REFERENCE GUIDE

## SUBSTANCE

## HAZARD

## ALTERNATIVE

### GARDEN PRODUCTS

<b>Rodent Bait</b>	Lethal to humans and pets in small quantities.	Cats; traps; bay leaves; cucumber skins
<b>Ant Killer</b>	Poisonous	Pour a line of Cream of Tartar, Red Chili Powder, Paprika or dried Peppermint at point of entry.
<b>Roach Killer</b>	Poisonous	Place bay leaves around cracks in room. Set out a dish of equal parts baking soda and powdered sugar.
<b>Garden Insecticide</b>	Poisonous	Strong spray from hose washes insects from plants. Pull weeds instead of using herbicides.
<b>Snail and Slug Killer</b>	Poisonous	Fill a shallow pan with stale beer and place in infested area.
<b>Chemical Fertilizer</b>	Poisonous	Peat Moss; Blood & Fish Meal
<b>Houseplant Insecticide</b>	Poisonous	Wash leaves with soapy water & rinse.

### AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS

<b>Motor Oil, Brake &amp; Transmission Fluid</b>	Poisonous and Flammable	None
<b>Antifreeze</b>	Poisonous. Sweet tasting puddles are attractive to children and pets.	None
<b>Car Batteries</b>	Can cause severe burns.	None

### HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS

<b>Drain Cleaner</b>	Poisonous. Can cause severe burns.	Flush drain twice/week with boiling water. Unclog drains with metal snake or plunger.
<b>Oven Cleaner</b>	Poisonous. Can cause severe burns.	Clean with diluted ammonia or baking soda.
<b>Toilet Bowl Cleaner</b>	Poisonous. Can cause severe burns.	Baking soda; mild detergent; small amounts of bleach.
<b>Spot Removers</b>	Poisonous	Club soda; cold water (immediately); soak in Corn Meal & water; lemon juice.
<b>Silver Polish</b>	Poisonous	Soak in water with baking soda, salt and small piece of aluminum foil.
<b>Furniture Polish</b>	Poisonous	Mineral Oil with Lemon Juice
<b>Powder Cleanser</b>	Poisonous. Can cause burns.	Combine Baking Soda with mild detergent & elbow grease.
<b>Window Cleaner</b>	Harmful Chemical Compounds	Wash windows with vinegar & water. Dry with newspaper.
<b>Chlorine Bleach</b>	Deadly chlorine gas produced when combined with ammonia products. Can cause severe burns.	Baking Soda & water.

### PAINT PRODUCTS

<b>Paint-enamel/oil-based</b>		Flammable Latex or water-based paint
<b>Paint-latex/water-based</b>		Flammable None
<b>Solvent &amp; Thinner</b>	Flammable	Latex & water-based paints don't require thinners.

### MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS

<b>Outdated Medicine</b>	Harmful if not taken as directed.	None
<b>Mothballs</b>	Poisonous	Cedar chips; newspaper
<b>Pool Acid</b>	Can cause severe burns.	None